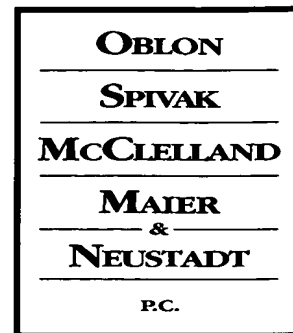




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Applicants: Hisaya SUZUKI, et al.
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For: OUTER MIRRORS
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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTON REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the outstanding Official Action dated February 11, 2005, applicants provisionally elect Invention V, Claims 3-11, drawn to two auxiliary mirrors located on a mirror housing and oriented downward, classified in class 359, subclass 850.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct of independent inventions.


The claims of the present invention would appear to be a part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that full examination on the merits be conducted.

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